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Annual Report

For the Year Ending 31st December, 1946.

Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present to you my Twenty-sixth Annual Report, being for the year 1946.

VITAL STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR

CAUSES OF DEATH

	Male	Female
Cancer	1	1
Intracrainal	1	3
Heart Disease	8	6
Bronchitis	1	0
Prem. Birth	1	0
Other causes	2	3
Total from all causes	14	13=27

		Total	Male	Female		
Live Births	Legitimate	29	14	15	Birth-rate per 1,000 estimated mid-1946 population 14.4	
	Illegitimate	1	1	Nil.		
	Total	30	15	15		
Stillbirths		1	1	0	Rate per 1,000 total (live and still) births	32
Deaths		27	14	13	Death-rate per 1,000 estimated population	13.0

Death-rate of Infants under one year of age :—

1.	All infants per 1,000 live births	33
1.	Legitimate infants per 1,000 legitimate live births	34
0.	Illegitimate infants per 1,000 illegitimate live births	Nil

Deaths from Cancer (all ages) : 2

Deaths from Measles (all ages) : Nil.

Deaths from Whooping Cough (all ages) : Nil.

Deaths from Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age) : Nil.

Population 1993	Live Birth Rate	Per 1,000 Crude Death Rate	of Estimated Population. Death rate from Tuberculosis of Respiratory System	Death rate from Cancer	Maternal Mortality Rate Per 1,000 live Births	Per 1,000 total still & live births	Rate of Deaths under 1 year per 1,000 live births
Mean of 5 years							
1941-1945	12.0	14.0	0.48	2.43	Nil	Nil	41
1945	15.5	12.0	0.50	3.01	Nil	Nil	Nil
1946	14.4	13.0	Nil	0.96	Nil	Nil	33

Increase or
decrease in
1946 on 5 years'
average

1941-1945	+2.4	-1.0	-0.48	-1.47	Nil	Nil	-8
Previous year	-1.1	+1.0	-0.50	-2.05	Nil	Nil	+33

SOCIAL STATISTICS

Area, 3,277 acres ; Registrar-General's estimate of resident population, 2,071 ; No. of inhabited houses, 668 ; Rateable Value, £12,718 ; Sum represented by a penny rate, £49-10-0.

HEALTH SERVICES

Accommodation for Smallpox : Moss Side Hospital, Singleton, Fylde, Preston, and Garstang Joint Board.

Accommodation for Infectious Diseases : Infectious Diseases Hospital, Blackpool.

Accommodation for Children's cases : Preston Royal Infirmary (usually).

Accommodation for Maternity cases : Preston or Blackpool Maternity Hospital.

Infectious disease cases going to hospital are taken by the hospital's Motor Ambulance. Ambulances for accident and non-infectious cases are supplied by arrangement with Thornton Cleveleys U.D.C.

The Over Wyre Nursing Association employs a nurse in the district for home nursing.

CHILD WELFARE

A Centre, under the management of the County Council assisted by volunteer local lady helpers is held at the Parochial Hall, Lancaster Road, at 2 p.m. on Tuesdays. A School Dental Clinic is held at the County Council Clinic, 7 Elletson Terrace, Park Lane, at 10 a.m. on Thursdays. Clinics for Antenatal, Orthopaedic and Artificial Light treatments are held at the Fleetwood Hospital.

OFFICERS

Your Health Officers are S. A. Nield Faulkner, L.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., etc., who is Medical Officer of Health as a part-time officer. and Sydney H. Senior, C.R.S.I., etc., Sanitary Inspector, who is also part-time jointly with his appointment as your surveyor. The salaries of these officers, £60 and £200 respectively are met as to one half by contribution from the County Council.

Officers of the County Council carry out the routine inspection of cattle for tuberculosis, and inspections under the Food and Drugs Act, 1938. Veterinary inspectors can be called in at the request of the M.O.H. The sampling of milk for School Children and inspections under the Shops Act, 1912-1934, are done by your Sanitary Inspector on behalf of the County Council.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES

All but 10 houses in your area have water from the Fylde Water Board. Of the 688 houses in the district, 98 are not connected to the sewerage system by reason of distance from a sewer.

Closet Accommodation : 732 Water Closets, 1 Waste Water Closet 42 Pail Closets, 22 Privy Closets.

15 houses await conversion. A further 47 would be convertible upon extension of sewers.

Refuse Collection : Collection is by hired motor vehicle ; Collection from pails and privies by trailer tank vehicle. Collection made from 637 bins, 17 ashpits, 45 pail closets and 23 privies. Collection is not made from 48 houses distant from populous centres.

Refuse Disposal : Refuse is tipped on low-lying land distant from inhabited areas, and covered with soil. Liquid refuse and pail contents are spread on arable fields by permission of farmers.

SANITARY INSPECTION

Our Inspector reports the making of inspections to 79 premises, the discovery of 73 defects and the abating or remedying of 73 of them. 6 informal notices were issued and one statutory notice.

Shops Acts : The 36 shops in the district were found satisfactory as regards sanitary conveniences, temperature, ventilation and comfort of assistants where employed.

Fish Fryers : The two premises are well conducted.

Schools : Both schools are satisfactory as to premises and conveniences.

Factories : Those registered under the Factory Act, 1937, are Salt Works Power House, Corn Mill, three Bakeries, two Garages, three Joiner's shops, and a Printer's works. All are satisfactorily maintained.

Houses let in lodgings : The single house in this class is satisfactory.

Tent, Vans, Sheds, etc.: There are no premises of this description continuously occupied. Seven sites are licensed for stationing van-dwellings and tents. Byelaws have been adopted for the control of moveable dwellings. Additional Lavatory accommodation has been provided. Fylde water is laid on to each site.

HOUSING

16 new houses were erected by the Council and 15 by private persons.

Inspection has been continued under the Consolidated Regulations, 9 visits being made to 3 houses. Action was taken under Sec. 11 of the Housing Act, 1936, in respect of 3 houses, and an undertaking was agreed by the Council.

A classification of houses in your area shews that 74 are large houses, 3 are inns, 40 are farmsteads, 31 are houses and Shops, 327 are small modern houses, 180 are good older houses, 14 poor type but habitable, and 24 are under orders for demolition.

Overcrowding has ceased due to allocation of new Council houses.

2 Families in houses scheduled as Clearance Areas have been re-housed and one house has been vacated on death of tenant.

2 Families were re-housed from the 3 houses upon which an agreement was arranged under Sec. 11 of the Public Health Act, 1936.

Four Council Houses will shortly be ready for occupation and 10 others are in course of erection.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

The County Council do the examination and sampling of saleable foods, the inspection of dairy cattle, and licensing of accredited milk producers, of whom there are seven in your district.

There are 49 farms in your area. The bulk of local retailing is done by seven farmers. The main production is taken by collecting lorries to depots outside the district.

New drainage system has been provided to one farm. One registration of a Cowkeeper was withdrawn due to pressure by Local Authority.

152 Pigs slaughtered for home consumption only under licence from the Food Controller, and all such pigs were inspected.

There are no slaughterhouses in your district. There are three bakehouses, which are satisfactorily conducted.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

Cases of infectious diseases occurring during 1946 were:— Acute Pneumonia, 7 ; Whooping Cough, 8 ; Measles, 1 ; 10 swabs from the throat were examined for diphtheria by the Clinical Research Association, London. Disinfection of premises was carried out in respect of 2 cases.

Tuberculosis : Six new cases of respiratory tuberculosis and one non-respiratory tuberculosis were notified during the year.

20 Children were immunised against diphtheria during the year.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

S. A. NIELD-FAULKNER.

